COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Gains a Little on Poor California Crop Condition.

LIQUIDATION CAUSES DECLINE IN CORN

Oats Shows Strength on Small Deliveries—Provisions Are Weak on Account of Heavy Receipts—Range in Ribs Narrow.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Claims of crop damage from insects caused an advance of ⅝@⅝c in wheat today. Corn declined ⅜@½c and oats closed a shade higher. Pork lost 15@17½c and lard and ribs 2½@5c each.

Reports of serious damage to growing wheat by bugs and flies put wheat traders in a bullish mood at the start and with the exception of a slight dip early on realizing the market ruled strong throughout the session. Statements that California would yield only half a crop attracted a good deal of attention. July opened ¼c higher at 71¾c, declined to 71c, advanced to 72⅛c and closed at 71⅝@71⅝c. Receipts were light, only 23 cars, 2 of which graded contract, and 218 at Minneapolis and Duluth, compared with 504 cars the same day a year ago. The aggregate at western primary markets was 295,000 bu., against 835,000 bu. last year. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equaled 578,000 bu. Cash demand slow.

Corn declined under liquidation, owing to favorable crop news and the embarrassed condition of the cash trade. Receipts, 90 cars. July opened a shade lower at 33⅝@33¾c, touched 33⅜c and declined to 33¼@33⅜c at the close.

Prospects of small deliveries before August strengthened oats, but the market finally weakened in sympathy with corn. Receipts, 140 cars. July opened a shade higher at 23⅜c, declined to 23⅛c, advanced to 24c and closed at 23⅝c.

Liberal receipts of hogs and the weakness in corn handicapped provisions. Shipments small. July pork opened 5@7½c lower at $8.25 and declined to $8.15. Lard and ribs ruled dull within a small range.

Estimated receipts for Thursday: Wheat, 82 cars; corn, 100 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat.					
May...	69⅝	71	69¼	70¾-71	70
July...	71¼	72⅛	71	71⅝@¾	70⅞
Sept...	70⅞	71⅝	70¾	71⅝	70¼
*Corn.					
May...	32⅜	32⅝	32⅛	32¼	32⅛
July...	33⅜@⅜	33⅝	33⅛@¼	33¼@⅜	33⅛
Sept...	34¼@¾	34⅝@¾	33⅜	33⅝	33⅛@¼
*Oats.					
May...	26⅜	27⅛	26⅜	26⅞	26⅜
July...	23¾	24	23⅜	23⅝	23¾@⅞
Sept...	21	21⅛	20⅞	20⅞	20¾-21
Pork.					
May...					
July...	8 25	8 25	8 15	8 15	8 32½
Sept...	8 42½	8 42½	8 32½	8 32½	8 47½
Lard.					
May...					
July...	5 02½	5 05	5 02½	5 05	5 07½
Sept...	5 15	5 20	5 15	5 17½	5 20
Ribs.					
May...					
July...	4 65	4 67½	4 65	4 65	4 70
Sept...	4 80	4 80	4 77½	4 80	4 82½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $3.00@3.10; spring specials, $4.10; patents, $3.30@3.70; straights, $2.80@3.10; bakers., $2.20@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70½@71c; No. 3 spring, 69@70c; No. 2 red, 72½@73c.

CORN—No. 2, 33¼c; No. 2 yellow, 33⅜@34c.

OATS—No. 2, 27@27½c; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3 white, 29¼@29¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 61@62c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 35@40c.

SEEDS—No. 1, flaxseed, $1.06; northwest, $1.07½; prime timothy, $2.35; clover, contract grade, $6.10.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.10@8.15. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.97½@5.00. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.65@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.95@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.62; granulated, $5.52. The following are the receipts and shipments for today.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls	34,000	24,000
Wheat, bu	34,000	15,000
Corn, bu	136,000	289,000
Oats, bu	447,000	309,000
Rye, bu	2,000	12,000
Barley, bu	15,000	1,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 12@18c; dairies, 10@16c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 11½c. Cheese, weak; creams, 9@11c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 17,900 bbls.; exports, 15,309 bbls.; Steadier on spring patents and rather more active. Winter patents, $3.75@4.00; shade steadier; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; winter straights, $3.50@3.60; Minnesota patents, $3.80@4.00; winter extras, $2.60@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $3.05@3.10; winter low grades, $2.40@2.55. Rye flour, quiet; good to fancy, $3.00@3.50; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 83@84c; city, 85@86c; Brandywine, $2.20@2.50.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 65½c f. o. b. afloat.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 40½c; malting, 44@46c c. i. f. Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 55@63c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 83,250 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 82⅝c spot and to arrive f. o. b. afloat, 78⅞c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 82⅝c f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened firm on English cable advices and later developed considerable bullish crop news. In addition to further reports of chinch bugs the Modern Miller was quoted as estimating this year's wheat crop 100,000,00 bushels less than last. Shorts covered freely and the market closed 1@1⅝c net advance. May, 78⅝@79⅝c, closed 79½c; July, 76 1-16@76⅝c, closed 76¾c; September, 74⅞@75¼c, closed 75½c; December, 75⅜@76¼c; closed 76¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 77,170 bu.; exports, 2,516 bu. Spot firm. No. 2, 41@41¼c f. o. b. afloat spot. Options market opened easy and declined later because of the liberal Chicago liquidation, light clearances and poor support, closed unsettled with May ½c higher on the strike news and other months ⅛@⅜c net advance. May, 39⅝@40c; closed 39¾c; July, 38⅛@38⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 393,800 bu.; exports, 4,395. Spot steady. Options quiet.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 70@82½c.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½@17c; Texas dry, 24@30c; Texas, 12½@13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 20¼@21½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $9.50@10.50; extra mess, $9.00; beef hams, $19.00; packet, $9.50@10.00; city, extra India mess, $14.00@15.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4@4½c; pickled shoulders, 4¼@4½c; pickled hams, 7½@8¼c. Lard, easy; western steamed, $5.25; refined, dull; continent, $5.00; compound, $4.62½@4.75. Pork, dull; mess, $8.25@9.00; short clear, $10.25@12.50; family, $10.50@11.00. Tallow, firm; city, 4¼c bid; country, 4½@4¾c.

OILS—Cottonseed, dull, but moderately steady at old prices; prime crude, 21c; prime crude f. o. b., 17@19c; prime summer yellow, 25@25½c; off summer yellow, 25c; butter grades, 20@23c; prime winter yellow, 30@33c; prime white, 29@30c. Petroleum dull; refined at New York, $6.95. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.45@1.47½. Turpentine, quiet at 41½@42c.

BUTTER—Quiet; western creamery, 13@17½c; factory, 11½@13c; imitation creamery, 12½@14c.

CHEESE—Old, steady; new, firm; large colored, 9½@9¾c; small colored, 9¾@9¾c; new cheese steady; large, 9½@9¾c; small, 9¾@9¾c.

EGGS—Steady; western fresh, 13@14c; southern, 12@13c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@7c; Japan, 4¾@6c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@36c.

METALS—The market opened quiet and ruled inactive pretty much all through the day in the absence of news of a stimulating nature from the west and abroad. Prices in the main were unchanged and the general situation quite destitute of positively new features. At the close the Metal Exchange called pig iron warrants quiet with $11.12½ bid and $11.50 asked; lake copper dull at $19.00; tin dull with $25.65 bid and $25.75 asked; lead very quiet with $4.45 bid and $4.50 asked; spelter quiet with $5.55 bid and $5.60 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.25 and for copper $19.00.

Kansas City Market.

KANSAS CITY, May 17.—EGGS—Market quoted steady to firm at yesterday's advance; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock firsts, per dozen, cases returned, 12c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 36,000 bu.; corn, 14,300 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 15,600 bu.; corn, 1,800 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 17.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, May, 70¼c; July, 71⅛@71¼c; September, 69⅞@70c; on track, No. 1 hard, 72c; No. 1 northern, 71c; No. 2 northern, 70c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.65@3.75; second patents, $3.45@3.55; first clears, $2.70@2.80.

BRAN—In bulk, $9.00@9.25.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts slight; demand good; market firm at 11½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice, 12@14c; separator, 18c; gathered creamery, 16c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 5½c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@5c; ducks and geese, live, 5½c; turkeys, live, 10c; broilers, dressed, per doz., $4.50.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c@$1.00.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

FRESH WATER FISH—Catfish, per lb., 12c; buffalo, per lb., dressed, 6½@7c; white fish, 10c; lake trout, 9c; yellow pike, dressed, 9c; round, 8c; silver herring, 6c; perch, 6c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, 14@15c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 10c; Columbia river salmon, 15c; halibut, 11c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 8c; extra large mackerel, each, 30c; roe shad, each, 40c; shad roe, per pair, 20@25c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per crate, $2.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.50.

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $2.00@2.25.

CHERRIES—California, per 10-lb. box, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $3.25@3.50. Messina, fancy, $4.00.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $4.00; choice, $3.75@4.00; seedlings, $3.00; Med. sweets, $3.25@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, crated, large stock, per bunch, $2.25@2.50; medium-sized bunches, $1.75@2.25.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 6c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes 10c.

VEGETABLES.

WAX BEANS—One-third bu., 80c@$1.00.

STRING BEANS—One-third bu., 60@75c.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 2c.

BEETS—New, per doz., 60c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

TOMATOES—Per 6-basket crate, $4.50@5.00.

SPINACH—Per basket, 60@65c.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per dozen bunches, 20@40c.

ASPARAGUS—Home grown, per dozen bunches, 20@30c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per dozen bunches, according to size, 10@20c.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 4c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.25@2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@75c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

POTATOES—Choice Iowa, sacked, 40@50c; Minnesota Burbanks, 70@75c; Colorado, 80@ 90c; early Ohio seed potatoes, 75@85c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., seed, $2.00.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 90c@$1.00.

NEW POTATOES—Per bbl., $5.00@5.50; per bu., $2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12½@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 8@10c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½@7c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9c.

HONEY—Choice white, 12½@12c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.00@2.25.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7¼c; No. 2 green hides, 6¼c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 salted hides 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1¼@2½c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (shirt wooled pelts), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—FLOUR—Dull, unchanged; patents, $3.60@3.80; straights, $3.30@3.40; clear, $3.20@3.40.

SEEDS—Prime timothy seed, $2.25.

CORNMEAL—$1.85@1.90.

BRAN—Easier, sacked, east track, 58c.

HAY—Steady to firm; timothy, $7.50; prairie, $7.50@8.00.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.26.

BAGGING—Steady, 5½@6c.

BAGGING—4½@5c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.25@4.37½; extra shorts, $5.00; ribs, $5.12½; shorts, $5.25. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.12½; extra shorts, $5.50; ribs, $5.62½; shorts, $5.87½.

LIVERPOOL, May 17.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 6s 2d; futures quiet; May, 5s 3¾d; July, 5s 6¼d; September, 5s 6¼d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, quiet at 3s 6d; American mixed, old, quiet at 3s 6½d; futures steady; May, 3s 5⅞d; July, 3s 5¼d; September, 3s 5¾d.

PEAS—Canadian, 7s 3½d.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, May 17.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 cash, 74½c bid; July, 73¾c bid.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

OATS—Dull and higher; No. 2 mixed, 28½c bid.

RYE—Unchanged; No. 2 cash, 59c bid.

SEEDS—Cloverseed, dull and steady; prime new, cash and May, $3.50; October, $4.32½ bid.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy eastern creamery, 18½c; fancy eastern prints, 21c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby and western, 13½c; fresh southwestern, 13@13½c; fresh southern, 12½c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, May 16.—CORN—Steady; No. 3, 33c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 28½@29c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, May 17.—WHEAT—No. 1, hard cash and May, 75½c; July, 76c; No. 1 northern, cash, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 68c.

Cotton Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—COTTON—Dull and unchanged; middling, 5 13-16c; sales, none; receipts, 1,733 bales; shipments, 1,762 bales; stock, 88,352 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 2,500 bales; ordinary, 3½c; good ordinary, 4¾c; low middling, 5⅛c; middling, 5 13-16c; good middling, 6⅜c; middling fair, 6 13-16c. Futures quiet and steady; May, $5.69 bid; June, $5.75@5.76; July, $5.75@5.76; August, $5.69@5.70; September, $5.52@5.53; October, $5.55@5.56; November, $5.66@5.67; December, $5.69@5.70; January, $5.72@5.73; February, $5.75@5.76; March, $5.78@5.79.

NEW YORK, May 17.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 6¾c; net receipts, 183 bales; gross receipts, 7,423 bales; sales, 350 bales; continent, 707 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 12,700 bales; to the continent, 707 bales; stock, 752,905 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 37,516 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 5,800 bales; to France, 2,082 bales; to the continent, 14,143 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 8,022,424 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 3,280,680 bales; to France, 699,789 bales; to the continent, 2,519,-183 bales.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 17.—DRY GOODS—Further advances in bleached cottons today in medium grades are reported, confirming strong position generally of bleached cottons. Brown sheetings and drills are difficult to buy in any leading make. Print cloths dull but very firm. Some good orders placed for fall lines of fancy prints, mostly at value. Ginghams scarce and very firm. Worsted dress goods are tending against buyers in both staple lines and fancy. Silks are firm, but business moderate.

Sugar Market.

LONDON, May 17.—BEET SUGAR—Quiet at 9l 1s.

NEW YORK, May 17.—SUGAR—Raw firm; refined firm.

NEW ORLEANS, May 17. — SUGAR — Quiet; open kettle, 3⅝@4¼c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3⅞@4¼c; centrifugal, yellow, 4⅛@4 13-16c; seconds, 3@4⅜c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; centrifugal, 6@16c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 17.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Steady. Evaporated apples, common, 7@8½c; prime wire tray, 8½@9c; choice, 9¼@9½c; fancy, 9¾@10c. Prunes, 4¼@9½c. Apricots, royal, 13½@14c; Moor park, 14@15c. Peaches, unpeeled, 9½@11½c; peeled, 25@28c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 17.—COFFEE—Options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points higher. Ruled inactive with unimportant features; closed steady. Sales, 6,500 bags, including: June, $5.10; July, $5.20; August, $5.30; September, $5.25; October, $5.45; November, $5.50; December, $5.65; March, $5.00; spot coffee, Rio, dull but steady; mild, quiet.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Late Timidity Gives Place to Feeling of Strength.

NEW YORK, May 17.—When it was announced on Monday morning that some of the powerful financial interests in the country had banded themselves together for the support of prices in the stock market it dissipated very largely the timidity of holders of the group of securities which had been so marvelously increased in price under the favoring activities of the late ex-Governor Flower. It also caused the professional operators, who always stand ready to attack values of securities at any vulnerable point, to pause in their purpose and cancel short contracts left outstanding since Saturday. The capitalists behind the Flower group apparently felt so much encouraged with the firmness and confidence displayed by the market since the crisis that they made up their minds today to complete its rehabilitation and to put prices back to where they were on Friday last. It was not until the latter part of the day that this purpose seemed to be seriously in hand. In fact, the Flower stocks as a group were conspicuous during the early part of the day.

Their position seemed to be left to the natural course of events and the general trend of the market. It was the events of the day in the general market that seemed to confirm the purpose of the financial leaders. These events were a very marked disinclination on the part of personal holders of securities to proceed with any liquidation and a quiet and persistent outside demand for a wide range of stocks. Some very large transactions in bonds, especially in recent or contemplated issues of railroad stocks of the 3½ and 4 per cent grades were also in evidence of the pressing demand for investment from a large reserve of capital. The money market was notably easy and advices from different points in the interior were of large funds on hand. The statement of St. Paul's earnings for the second week in May, showing an increase of over $24,000, compared with the corresponding week last year, when the extraordinary grain movement incident to the Leiter deal was in progress was taken to indicate a continued prosperous condition of railroad traffic.

London also showed a favorable disposition toward American railroads and advanced prices before the opening here. And although part of the purchases were resold later, having some possible effect in strengthening the rate of exchange on London, the sales were not in sufficient volume to threaten the money market here. More mature consideration of the trade statistics for April disclosed the continued strong position of our international commerce, notwithstanding unfavorable comparisons at some points with the unprecedented period of last year. The market gradually but persistently hardened under these influences early in the day, Central and Southern Pacific, Chicago Terminal, the Iron and Steel shares, Sugar and Tobacco and New York municipal stocks advancing sharply. In the late afternoon the market leaders undertook to push up Brooklyn Transit to where it was last Friday. This they did through a flood of offerings and held on there to the close, 7 points above yesterday's close. People's Gas, the Federal Steel stocks, International Paper, Rock Island and Atchison preferred are from 1 to 4 points higher. The railroad shares shared very generally in the late strength, the close being buoyant and active at the top.

The large demand for bonds sought persistently for pretty much all issues not already at prohibitive prices. Total sales, $4,850,000. United States new 4s and the old 4s, registered, advanced ⅛c in the bid price.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	18⅝	St. L. & S. F.	11⅜
do pfd	55⅜	do pfd	70
Baltimore & Ohio	37	do 2d pfd	37
Canada Pacific	98⅝	St. L. & S. W.	13⅝
Canada Southern	64⅛	do pfd	32½
Central Pacific	53⅜	St. Paul	124⅝
Ches. & Ohio	20¾	do pfd	169½
Chi. & Alton	160	St. P. & Om.	91
C. B. & Q.	132⅜	do pfd	170
Chi. & E. Ill.	77	So. Pacific	23⅞
do pfd	124	So. Railway	11⅝
Chi. G. W.	14⅜	do pfd	31⅝
Chi. Ind. & L.	4¼	Texas & Pacific	20
do pfd	38	Union Pacific	43½
Chi. & N. W.	152⅜	do pfd	76⅝
do pfd	192	Wabash	7¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	94⅝	do pfd	21⅝
do pfd	95	**Wheel. & L. E.	10¾
Del. & Hudson	118½	do 2d pfd	26⅜
Del. L. & W.	164½	Adams Ex	111
Den. & Rio G.	23⅝	American Ex	141
do pfd	73	United States Ex	48
Erie (new)	13⅞	Wells Fargo Ex	125
do 1st pfd	34⅛	A. Cot. Oil	35½
Ft. Wayne	184	do pfd	91⅝
Gt. Nor. pfd	190¼	Amer. Spirits	7¼
Hocking Val.	19¾	do pfd	27
Illinois Central	114⅝	Amer. Tobacco	97¼
Lake Erie & W.	16½	do pfd	143
do pfd	67	Cons. Gas	187½
Lake Shore	188⅜	Com. Cable Co	179
Louis. & Nashv.	65⅝	Col. F. & Iron	49¼
Manhattan L.	112⅝	do pfd	105
Met. St. Ry.	230⅝	Gen. Electric	117
Michigan Central	113	Hawaii Com. Co	105
Minn. & St. L.	33⅝	Brooklyn Transit	19¾
do 1st pfd	100	Inter. Paper	50¾
Mo. Pacific	44⅜	do pfd	81½
Mobile & Ohio	41½	La Clede Gas	83
Mo. K. & T.	31⅜	Lead	24⅝
do pfd	35⅞	do pfd	112½
N. J. Central	117⅜	Nat. Lin. Oil	4½
N. Y. Central	133⅛	Pacific Mail	31
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13	People's Gas	121¾
do 1st pfd	90	Pullman Pal.	158
do 2d pfd	80	Silver Cert.	61
Nor. & Wes.	20	Standard R. & T.	8¾
do pfd	67⅝	Sugar	109
No. Amer. Co.	11⅜	do pfd	111¾
Mo. Pacific	44⅜	T. C. & Iron	68⅝
do pfd	77	U. S. Leather	6
Ontario & W.	24¾	do pfd	70
Or. R. & Nav pfd.	67	U. S. Rubber	46⅜
Pacific Coast	39	do pfd	115
do 1st pfd	83	Western Union	92
do 2d pfd	56	Amer. S. & W.	6¾
Pittsburg	184	do pfd	87½
Reading	19⅝	Federal Steel	61⅜
do 1st pfd	45⅜	do pfd	94⅛
R. G. W.	33	Colorado Southern	5½
do pfd	77	do 1st pfd	45¼
Rock Island	112	do 2d pfd	18

*Offered. **New.

The total sales of stocks today amounted to 650,489 shares, including: American Steel and Wire, 21,700; American Sugar, 63,200; American Tobacco, 9,400; chinch preferred, 32,000; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 82,900; Central Pacific, 19,800; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rights, 17,000; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 11,100; Chicago Consolidated Traction, 3,000; Chicago Terminal, 9,000; Chicago Terminal preferred, 12,300; Continental Tobacco, 10,500; Federal Steel, 88,200; Federal Steel preferred, 20,200; International Paper, 4,200; International Silver, 3,600; Louisville & Nashville, 7,600; Manhattan, 22,000; Metropolitan Street Railway, 4,400; Missouri Pacific, 4,300; National Steel, 4,100; New York Central, 4,300; New Jersey Central rights, 8,100; Northwestern preferred, 4,700; Northern Pacific, 8,500; Northern Pacific preferred, 2,700; Ontario & Western, 3,900; Reading first preferred, 6,300; Rock Island, 8,400; St. Paul, 22,200; Pacific Mail, 4,600; People's Gas, 43,200; Southern Pacific, 51,800; Southern Railway preferred, 1,200; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 6,400; Union Pacific, 11,100; Union Pacific preferred, 4,900.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 17.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady at 2½@3 per cent; last loan at 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87⅛@4.87½ for demand and at $4.85¼@4.85½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86 and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61@62c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—48¾c.

BONDS—Government bonds strong; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. 2s, reg	99⅛	M. K. & T. 2ds	67
U. S. 3s, reg	108⅝	M. K. & T. 4s	94¼
U. S. 3s, coup	108⅝	N. Y. C. 1sts	113½
U. S. new 4s, reg	129⅝	N. J. C. 5s	120
U. S. 4s coup	130¾	N. Y. 6s	127
U. S. old 4s, reg	112⅜	N. C. 4s	104½
U. S. 4s coup	113¾	*No. Pacific 1sts	120
U. S. 5s, reg	112¼	No. Pacific 3s	67⅝
U. S. 5s, coup	112¾	No. Pacific 4s	104¾
District 3.65	120	N. Y. C. & H. 4s	107
Ala., class A	110	N. & W. con. 4s	94⅛
Ala., class B	110	N. & W. gen. 6s	131
Ala., class C	100	Ore. N. 1sts	111
Ala., Currency	100	Ore. Sh. L. 5s	103½
Atchison 4s	101¼	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	131
Do. adj. 4s	82⅜	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	111¾
*Canada So. 2ds	111	Reading 4s	81⅝
C. & O. 4½s	114¼	R. G. W. 4s	86
C. & O. 5s	118½	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	110¾
C. & N. W. con 7s	143	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	124
do 8. F. deb. 5s	122	St. P. Consols	167⅛
Chi. Term. 4s	102	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	123½
D. & R. G. 1sts	105½	St. P. C. & P. 5s	123⅜
D. & R. G. 4s	102¼	So. Ry. 5s	110
East Tenn. 1sts	105	S. R. & T. 6s	87
*Erie Gen. 4s	72	*Term. new set 3s	97⅝
F. W. & D. 1sts, t. r.	85	T. P. 1sts	115⅛
Gen. Elec. 5s	120	T. P. 2ds	54⅜
G. H. & S. A. 6s	114	U. P. 4s	106⅛
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	91½	Wab. 1sts	118
H. & T. Cent. 5s	113	Wab. 2ds	99⅝
H. & T. C. con. 6s	112½	W. Shore 4s	114⅛
Iowa C. 1sts	114	Wis. Cent. 1sts	74⅜
K. C. P. & G. 1sts	91¼	Ex. 5 Centurions	84
La. New Con. 4s	110⅛	Va. deferred	5
L. & N. Uni. 4s	99¼	Colorado South'n 4s	80½

*Offered.

In the Foreign Financial World.

PARIS, May 17.—Influenced by the news in regard to the Transvaal prices commenced easier on the bourse today, but soon became more favorable and closed firm. International securities governed the transactions. Spanish 4s sharply recovered. Brazilian securities were in good demand, owing to the improvement in the rate of exchange. Rio Tintos declined on the reported increase in the visible supply of copper, but were firmer at the close. Kaffirs were freely offered, but closed firm, no importance being attached by the operators to the arrest of alleged revolutionists at Johannesburg, the belief being entertained of a favorable solution of the trouble. Three per cent rentes, 102f 52½c for the account. Spanish 4s closed at 63 07⅛.

BERLIN, May 17—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increase, 18,280,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 1,320,000 marks; other securities, decrease, 14,280,000 marks; notes in circulation, decrease, 38,330,000 marks.

LONDON, May 17.—American securities opened rather firmer in response to better overnight prices from New York and were well sustained throughout the session. The closing tone, however, was dull with the demand moderate. Spanish 4s, 62⅝; India council bills were allotted to day at 1s 2d 32-32d. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 118. Spanish 4s closed at 62 3/32.

BERLIN, May 17.—On the bourse today Mexican securities were in strong demand on the completion of the conversion loan. Spanish 4s eased on realizations. Americans were firm and Canadian Pacific hardened. Local shares were good.

FRANKFORT, May 17.—Encouraged by the advices received from the Berlin and New York markets, prices were strong on the bourse here today. Mexican securities were harder, Spanish 4s reacted, American securities were buoyant and local shares were in good demand.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 17.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 3½@4 per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F.	18½	West End	92
do pfd	55⅞	do pfd	116
American Sugar	153½	Westingh. Elec	49
do pfd	113	Atchison 4s	100½
Bell Telephone	343	Adventure	11
Boston & Albany	257	Allouez Mining Co	9¾
Boston Elevated	142	Atlantic	22
Boston & Maine	198	Boston & Mont	350
C., B. & Q.	133¾	Butte & Boston	90
Ed. Elec. Ill.	198	Calumet & Hecla	320
Fitchburg, pfd	136	Centennial	20
General Electric	118	Franklin	21
Federal Steel	61½	Humboldt	2½
Federal Steel pfd	82¾	Osceola	90½
Mexican Central	14½	Parrott	61
Mich. Tel.	98	Quincy	160
Old Colony	210	Santa Fe Copper	13
Old Dominion	42¼	Tamarack	240
Rubber	46	Winona	15
Union Pacific	43½	Wolverine	45
Union Land	9		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	7	Kentucky Con	6
Alpha Con	5	Lady Wash. Con	1
Andes	7	Mexican	42
Belcher	23	Occidental Con	30
Best & Belcher	47	Ophir	100
Bullion	6	Overman	12
Caledonia	40	Potosi	24
Challenge Con	31	Savage	22
Chollar	25	Sierra Belcher	1
Confidence	92	Sierra Nevada	76
Con. Cala. & Va	135	Standard	275
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	40
Crown Point	14	Utah Con	14
Gould & Curries	28	Yellow Jacket	15
Hale & Norcross	33	St. Louis	5
Julia	2	Syndicate	6
Justice	18		

Silver bars, 61¼c; Mexican dollars, 49½@50c. Drafts, sight, 10c; telegraph, 12½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The following are the closing prices for mining shares:

Chollar	25	Ontario	700
Crown Point	20	Ophir	100
Con. Cal. & Va	135	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	200
Gould & Curries	30	do pfd	550
Hale & Norcross	31	Sierra Nevada	75
Homestake	5500	Standard	250
Iron Silver	58	Union Con	35
Mexican	40